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TAGS: CSCE, PFOR, XG

SUBJECT: CSCE: PEACEFUL CHANGE

1. DURING CONVERSATION WITH FRG REPS (BLECH AND MEYER-LANDRUT, LATTER DIRECTOR OF EAST-WEST AFFAIRS IN GERMAN FOREIGN OFFICE) MORNING OF MARCH 13, BLECH SAID HIS DELEGATION HAD NOTED THAT RUSSIAN WORDING ON PEACEFUL CHANGE GIVEN TO US MARCH 4 (GENEVA 1556) DIFFERS FROM THAT USED IN TRANSLATION OF APRIL 5 PEACEFUL CHANGE TEXT. BLECH HAD RAISED POINT WITH KOVALEV AT WORKING DINNER PREVIOUS EVENING BUT GOT A DUSTY ANSWER. HOWEVER, FRG IS NOT PARTICULARLY WORRED BY THIS DISCREPANCY, BLECH ADDED. CONTROLLING FACTOR FOR BONN WILL BE THE GERMAN TRANSLATION OF THE TEXT, AND FRG POSITION ON THIS POINT IS ADEQUATELY PROTECTED BY FORMAL RESERVATIONS MADE APRIL 5 AT TIME OF PROVISIONAL REGISTRATION OF FRONTIER INVIOABILITY PRINCIPLE. UNDER TERMS OF THOSE RESERVATIONS, FRG WILL NOT RPT NOT AGREE TO FRONTIER INVIOABILITY PRINCIPLE UNTIL GERMAN LANGUAGE VERSIONS OF PEACEFUL CHANGE SENTENCE AND OTHER KEY TEXTS ARE SATISFACTORY. THEREFORE, BLECH SAID, FRG CONTINUES TO  
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PREFER EARLY TABLING OF OUR PEACEFUL CHANGE SENTENCE, DESPITE

CHANGES IN THE RUSSIAN LANGUAGE VERSION.

2. IN SEPARATE CONVERSATION, FRENCH DELEGATION HAS TOLD US THAT SAUVAGNARGUES HAD PERSONALLY CONFIRMED THEIR EARLIER INSTRUCTIONS ON PEACEFUL CHANGE (GENEVA 1695 PARA 2): FRENCH CAN AGREE TO TABLING OF NEW FORMULA, TO ITS PRESENT WORDING, AND TO ITS PLACEMENT IN THE SOVEREIGN EQUALITY PRINCIPLE. HOWEVER, FRENCH WILL BE UNABLE TO AGREE TO EARLY REGISTRATION BECAUSE THEY WANT SIMULTANEOUS REGISTRATION OF PEACEFUL CHANGE SENTENCE, QUADRIPARTITE DISCLAIMER, AND SENTENCE ON INTERRELATIONSHIP OF PRINCIPLES.

3. WE HAVE TOLD FRENCH DELEGATION CHIEF, AMBASSADOR ANDRE, THAT WHEN WE TABLE PEACEFUL CHANGE LANGUAGE IN CSCE SUBCOMMITTEE, WE PROPOSE TO SAY THAT WE FAVOR ITS EARLY REGISTRATION. TO DO OTHERWISE WOULD CREATE SERIOUS DIFFICULTIES WITH SOVIETS. ANDRE APPEARS TO UNDERSTAND OUR POSITION, AND WE BELIEVE FRENCH WILL NOT STRONGLY OBJECT TO OUR SPEAKING IN FAVOR OF EARLY REGISTRATION WHEN WE INTRODUCE NEW TEXT. HOWEVER, FRENCH REP IN SUBCOMMITTEE MAY FEEL OBLIGED TO OPPOSE US ON THIS POINT. DALE

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